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SUBJECT: CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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1. DURING PAST TWO WEEKS EMBASSY HAS RAISED REPEATEDLY WITH SENEGALESE FONMINISTRY OFFICIALS SUBJECT OF AMBASSADOR AMADOU CISSE'S CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS. MINISTRY CONSISTENTLY HAS PROMISED ACTION BUT APPARENTLY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REACH DECISION PENDING RETURN OF FONMINISTER ASSANE SECK FROM VACATION LAST WEEK AND RETURN OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR FROM VACATION TODAY.

2. CHARGE CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER SECK SEPT. 14, RAISED SUBJECT, AND DELIVERED AIDE MEMOIRE ASKING (A) WHETHER CISSE WILL ATEND RIO MEETING, (B) WHETHER HE IS CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP, AND (C) IF CISSE IS A CANDIDATE, WHETHER HE HAS GHANAIAN AND NIGERIAN SUPPORT. AIDE MEMOIRE REMINDED
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GOS OF OUR REPEATED DEMARCHES SINCE 19 MAY ON THIS SUBJECT

AND UNDERSCORED NEED FOR EARLY DECISION IN LIGHT OF LITTLE
TIME REMAINING BEFORE RIO MEETING.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER SECK EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN HAVING
CISSE BE CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP. HE ALSO EXPRESSED SHARP
IRRITATION THAT DECISION HAD BEEN SAVIED UNTIL HIS RETURN AND
SUMMONED POLITICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR KANDE TO WHOM
HE DELIVERED SCOLDING LECTURE ABOUT MINISTRY'S PROCRASTINATION
ON SUBJECT. HE ORDERED THAT TELEGRAM BE PREPARED URGENTLY
TO CONSULT AMBASSADOR CISSE WITH VIEW TO HAVING HIM STAND FOR
ELECTION TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS CHAIRMANSHIP. FOREIGN MINISTER
THOUGHT AMBASSADOR CISSE WAS STILL IN NEW YORK FOR LAW OF THE
SEA CONFERENCE.

4. EMBASSY WILL FOLLOW UP WOTH FONMINISTRY AND REPORT RESULTS.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FEED-BACK WHICH MIGHT BE OBTAINED BY
IAEA VIENNA OR USUN.DAVIS

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